Ayurveda Hospital. The average daily attendance during 1114 was about 22 per cent. whereas during 1115 it has come up to 28·43 per cent. Further, the number of in-patients during the period ending the 31st Idavam 1114 was about 72,000 whereas, for the corresponding period in the current year it is very nearly 76,000. An additional ward too has been opened quite recently, *viz.*, the Panchakarma Ward, where massage and other modes of oil treatment are being carried on. Both for conducting treatment in this ward and for training up pupils in the *pizhichil*, *ozhichil*, *kizhi* and such other methods of oil treatment, a trained Ayurvedic Physician has been appointed. It may be of interest to the honourable members of this House to hear that, in so short a period as about one month, as many as about 38 successful cases have been handled by the Panchakarma specialist, including certain serious cases of chronic paralysis. These are the circumstances which necessitate the additional allotment asked for. I hope the House would have no objection to sanction the grant.

The motion that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 2,000 for purchase of medicines for the Government Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE REGISTRATION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Registration Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, I second it.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I may be permitted to say a few words by way of explanation in this connection. The Bill proposes to add a new Section to the Registration Act and to omit another section *viz.*, Section 48. The honourable members may be pleased to note that the new section is proposed for avoiding hardships that may arise in certain cases. Under the Registration Act, as it stands, a document has to be presented for registration by a duly authorised agent. A document which has not been so presented and registered will be invalid. No title, right or interset can be created, extinguished or transferred under an invalid document. It sometimes happens that a person who is supposed to be duly authorised but who in law is not, gets a document registered and its effect is discovered only after the matter is litigated upon. But there is no rule now available under the law

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by which parties concerned will be entitled to get the document properly registered. To cure this defect an amendment to the Registration Act was made in British India. Our Act is based on the British Indian Act and therefore it was considered that a similar provision should be enacted here also. Hence clause 2 proposing the additional Section 28 (A).

Again, deletion of Section 48 under the old Act is also proposed. It is an unnecessary provision. It provides that the Sub-Registrar shall at the end of every month prepare a copy of every entry made by him in indices Nos. 1, 2 and 4 and forward such copies to be filed in the Central Records Office. After inquiry it is found that the records so filed and kept serve no useful purpose whatever to the parties concerned or to the public. Originals of these records are available in the various sub-registry offices and there is ample provision in the Act for parties to get copies of them from those offices. The filing of copies in the records was done with a view to check the work in sub-registry offices. Probably it was intended as a provision against any remissness on the part of Sub-Registrars in the discharge of their duties.

The supervision work of the District Registrar is so regulated now by proper rules that no such provision is any longer needed. The District Registrars inspect their subordinate offices and regularly report to the head office. The corresponding section in the British Indian Act has been repealed. Government have carefully considered the matter and are satisfied that the continuance of this porvision *viz.*, Section 48 is unnecessary. Hence the Bill was introduced in the Assembly and accepted without any amendment.

The motion that the Bill be taken into consideration was put to vote and carried.

Clauses 1 to 3.

The question that clauses 1 to 3 do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The clauses were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the preamble and title do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The preamble and title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: I second it.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

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Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Government Trading Taxation Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: I second it.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I may be permitted to say a few words by way of explanation. Under the existing law, foreign Governments carrying on trade or business in this State and making profits are not liable to taxation because there is no law empowering this Government to Tax such Governments. The reason is that the Crown is not bound by an Act which is not made specifically applicable to the Crown. This objection has prevailed in one or two cases. But the other Governments where such measures have been enacted have found it possible to tax this Government. So it is found necessary to enact a measure similar to the Act prevailing in British India and other States. This Bill was introduced and passed in the Lower House.

The motion that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2.

The question that clauses 1 and 2 do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The clauses were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the preamble and title do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The preamble and title were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: I second it.

The motion was put and carried. The Bill was passed.

President: The House will now adjourn and meet again to-morrow at 11 A. M.

The House adjourned at 11-50 A. M.

A GUNAMONY,

Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council.

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